



Legislation Text

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PROPOSED GRANT AWARD

Department: Resource Management

Grantee: Forest Preserve District of Cook County

Grantor: Illinois Department of Natural Resources - Great Lakes Regional Initiative

Request: Authorization to accept grant

Purpose: The purpose of this grant is to control invasive plants in the highest-value natural areas remaining in the Millennium Reserve.

Grant Amount: \$439,000.00

Grant Period: 4/14/2015 - 12/30/2016

Fiscal Impact: \$95,000.00

Accounts: 09-6757 Grant Match & Work Fund

Concurrences:

The Chief Financial Officer and Chief Attorney have approved this item.

Summary: This grant, led and coordinated by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, will enable the Forest Preserves to control invasive plants at Calumet City Prairie, Jurgensen Woods, Thornton-Lansing Road Woods, and Wampum Lake. This work will create healthier habitat and have a positive impact on the native plants and animals that call these preserves home. This project will advance goals set forth in the Chicago Wilderness Lake Michigan Action Plan, as well as addressing goals in the Illinois Wildlife Action Plan. This project is a collaborative effort and will involve the Illinois Nature Preserve Commission, the Nature Conservancy, Chicago Park District, Audubon Chicago Region, Greencorps Chicago, and the Southeast Environmental Task Force.